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SUBJECT: GROC PARTICIPATION IN BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

REF: (A) STATE 145929 (EXDIS); (B) TAIPEI 4260 (EXDIS)

1. IN RESPONSE TO GROC EMBASSY REQUEST FOR FURTHER
CLARIFICATION OF USG BICENTENNIAL EVENTS IN WHICH THEIR
PARTICIPATION WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE WELCOME, DEPTOFF
JANUARY 20 PASSED ORALLY FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO GROC
FIRST SECRETARY PAUL TSO (JIH-KWO):

IN GENERAL, OFFICIAL GROC PARTICIPATION IS NOT DESIRED
IN BICENTENNIAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
AGENCIES OR AGENCIES CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT SUCH AS THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT,
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AND AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION. (EVENTS ENDORSED, BUT NOT SPONSORED, BY THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION DO NOT FALL IN THIS CATEGORY.) THE ROC WILL, HOWEVER, BE INCLUDED IN INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

IN PARTICULAR, OFFICIAL GROC PARTICIPATION IS NOT RPT NOT

DESIRED IN THE FOLLOWING:

-- MILITARY CEREMONIAL PROJECTS TAKING PLACE IN THE UNITED STATES SPONSORED BY ANY OF THE US ARMED SERVICES, INCLUDING THE COAST GUARD AND THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION. (EXCEPTIONS WOULD BE THOSE INVOLVING THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.);

-- VISITS OF FOREIGN MILITARY COMMANDERS TO THE US FOR BICENTENNIAL-RELATED EVENTS;

-- BICENTENNIAL-RELATED EDUCATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS IN THE US SPONSORED BY THE US GOVERNMENT. (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE REGULAR CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.);

-- ANY OF THE BICENTENNIAL "PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS" SPONSORED BY USIA;

-- PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, SUCH AS THE AMERICAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL AND THE INTERNATIONAL SALUTE TO THE STATES.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE SEVERAL MORE BICENTENNIAL EVENTS ORGANIZED BY US GOVERNMENT (OR RELATED) AGENCIES AS THE 1976 ANNIVERSARY NEARS. IF THERE ARE ANY DOUBTS ABOUT PARTICIPATION, EA/ROC SHOULD BE CONSULTED ABOUT THE SPECIFIC EVENT.

IN GENERAL, GROC PARTICIPATION, WHETHER OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN BICENTENNIAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PRIVATE
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ORGANIZATIONS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO TSO'S QUESTION WHETHER SAME INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO PRCLO HERE, DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR DECISION, NEITHER ROC NOR PRC WOULD BE PARTICIPATING IN BICENTENNIAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. DEPTOFF CONCLUDED BY PROMISING THAT THIS INFORMATION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CLOSELY HELD

TO PREVENT POSSIBLE EMBARRASSMENT TO GROG OR CHINESE
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